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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action from the Patent Office (PTO) mailed November 5, 2003,
please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-37 are currently pending.

**Rejection of Claims 1, 7, 11, 28, 29, and 35-37 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated
by Tabanou et al. (U.S.P. No. 6,426,917)**

According to MPEP 2131 regarding a prior-art rejection of *anticipation* under 35
U.S.C. 102(a), (b), and (e), “[a] claim is *anticipated* only if each and every element as set
forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art
reference.” (Emphasis added). (Quoting Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Col. of California,
814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)).